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THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF SACWN

OCTOBER 29, 1994

THE GRAND BALLROOM
629 J STREET, SACRAMENTO

6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m.
Tribute to our Founding Mothers
9:00 to Midnight
Dance with "Second Wind"

Join us for an elegant evening of gaiety and celebration as we salute the women and the vision that created SACWN.

Advanced tickets are required.
See order form on inside back cover.

An event for women over 21 only.

FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

There is so much to do before the Celebration, so many people to find and contact, so many wonderful women who have contributed over the years. Will you help? Tell you friends, to tell their friends that SACWN is having a tenth reunion celebration and to pass the word. Thanks!

We have sorted out ten years worth of newsletters and put them in shiny binders for you to see. If you have pictures from the past, please so let us know. What fun to look at the "scrap books of SACWN" and recall the times we had.

Thank you for your donations. We are still very much involved in selling ads for the program. We'd love more "Remembrances" to enrich the memories. Please don't be shy. Call the office to talk about it.

SACWN has changed considerably over the past ten years. It has grown from a handful of women having lunch together to 380 women who subscribe and support the networking, social and educational activities of the organization. Change has occurred in the structure, the programming, and the newsletter of SACWN from time to time. As we know, change can be the positive energy that allows one to grow and survive, but if can be hard along the way.

Just as we find ourselves caught up in reflecting on the past, the future comes knocking on the door. Can it be that 1995 is just three months away? So, our thoughts are also running ahead to the second decade and identifying activities that will please you in the coming year.

In the planning stages, we are considering a return by Joann Loulan, "the Goddess of Romance and Truth", our annual Valentine Dance, cruising on a Sacramento river boat, and an evening with the Lambda Players in June when they perform "*Last Summer at Blue Fish Cove*". You can also look forward to The Second Annual SACWN Film Festival and The Third Annual Women's Gathering and much, much more.

So, see you at the Celebration. And here's to a fun ten more!

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Type	Member	Non-Mem
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Full page	$160	$240
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Discounts 1 year	20%	
(pre-paid) 1/2 year	10%	

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - OCTOBER

Attending a Special Interest Group is a great way to get to meet new people and find out about SACWN. The groups are coordinated by volunteer facilitators who spend hours on the phone talking with new and not so new members, arranging activities, and keeping the spirit of SACWN fresh and alive.

SINGLE CONNECTION

Calling all Single Women!
Saturday, October 15 5:30 p.m. Join us at Jammin' Jo's(2721 Broadway) for dinner. Many new women have recently joined the group. Come out and get acquainted. RSVP, **Debbie 209/952-4876.** Coming events: Tahoe Weekend, ski trip weekend and holiday party. Looking for hosts for future meetings and someone to help facilitate group. We'll have a table(s) at the SACWN Anniversary Celebration on October 29th, so join us there. Call Debbie at 209/952-4876.

TOP TEN

These "over fifty" women are up to something. Call **Lise** to find out what at **452-4948.**

HIKING

Still wandering! Call **Nancy at 454-5847** to find out where and when.

RAINBOW CAMPERS

One more chance to join us this season. For information about Rainbow Campers call **Casey Garrison 366-7362.** Last scheduled camp out this year will be **October 7-8** at Coloma Resort; call **Sharon 421-6639.**

NEWCOMERS GROUP

We have a "welcome" brunch on the last Sunday of the month. Join us if you are new to the area, new to SACWN or just "new." All members and facilitators invited to attend. RSVP to **Angie at 395-4147** for location and time.

GOLF

Give **Judy a call at 339-2201** to find out the details about their Thursday game.

THE WALKING GROUP

Let's walk! **Reina** can be reached at **448-5412**.

POKER

We love poker. Want to join us for a game? Call **Kym and Jane at 649-1182.**

COUPLES CONNECTION

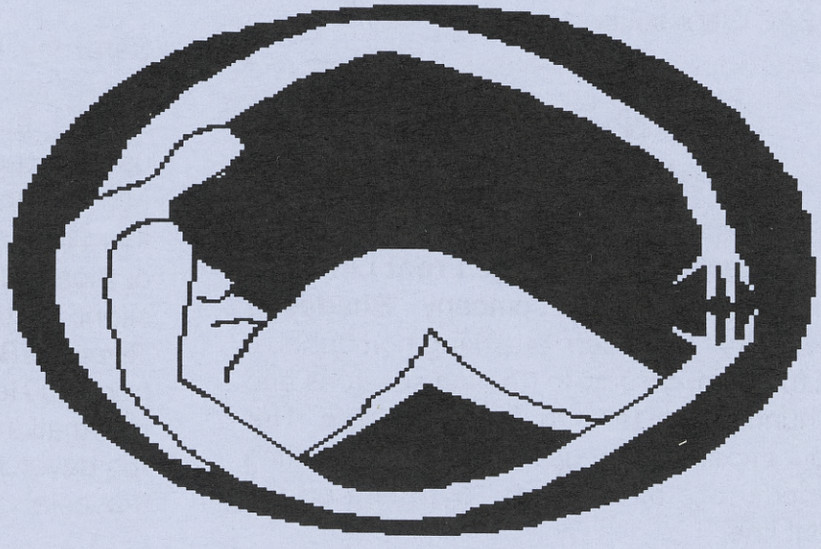
October 9 - Sunday - Lesha and Cinder's First Anniversary Party. You are invited. Call **676-0641.**
Saturday, **October 15**, Day outing to San Raefel and Sausalito. Call **Jane & Janis 451-0250.**
October 22, 3 p.m. Potluck at Debbie and Laura's **441-1957.**
On Thursdays join us for CW dancing at Jammin' Jo's. Call Lesha and Cinder at **676-0641**.

CULTURE CLUB

Planning meeting on October 22, 4 p.m. followed by pot luck and game night. Call **Ann 927-6038.**

BIRDERS GROUP

Nature lovers wanted. No other qualifications necessary. Call **Kathy Mullen** at **362-3175** evenings before 9 p.m.



CALENDAR FOR 1994

Saturday, October 29, 1994

The Tenth Anniversary of SACWN

Join SACWN for our biggest and classiest celebration of the decade. Imagine yourself at the Grand Ballroom, 629 J Street, a stunning, historic building, once a bank, filled with marble and brass fixtures. As you walk in, the entrance way has a collection of memorabilia from the past ten years of SACWN. You hear the gentle sounds of a harp as you begin to greet friends. After an hour of smiles and "it's been ages since I last saw you," you join other friends at a gayly decorated table for a dinner, prepared by Food for Thought. Following dinner, there are the thanks and congratulations and thoughtful reflections of the past, present and future, as you swell with the pride of knowing that your support has made it possible for SACWN to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Just as the energy begins to overflow, you hear the sounds of Second Wind. You stand and are moved to the dance floor with the frenzy and rhythm of those around you.

It will be an incredible evening! Please join us. Our success is your success, our community's success. And it's the beginning of SACWN's second decade!

Friday, November 18, 1994

Paulette Jacobson,

Author of *Letters from the Closet*

Speaking Out on the Front Line

Paulette, through her company, "**Shades of Diversity**" has been attacking homophobic attitudes in corporate training sessions and in hundreds of talks to school children. Her work impacts all of us. Hear the compelling experiences of someone "out there on the front line."

In The Community

Friday, October 7, 1994 - In Communion, A concert will be held to benefit the Women's Ritual Group of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento. Performing a unique selection of original contemporary ballads, love songs and spirit moving music will be Bren Chambers on string instruments, with Marilyn Van Veersen adding the poetry of motion in sign language interpretation.

Saturday, October 24, 1994 - Will your Money Last as Long As You Do? This workshop is presented by the Older Women's League of CA (OWL) for women who have worked for pay or been a wife dependent on her husband (or former husband) for retirement income. Presentation topics include pension rights, gender bias in pension laws and practices and protection through proper financial planning. For information call 484-1492.

Lambda Players Will Present *Baltimore Waltz* by Paula Vogel beginning November 4 & 5, and weekends through December 3. Performances are at 24th Street Theater at Sierra 2. For info call 442-7752.

Saturday, November 5th, 1994 - Pasta Dinner - Sponsored by the Sacramento Women's Chorus, the proceeds from this feast will be used to purchase portable chorus risers and acoustic shells. So, give the chorus a lift! Join them for pasta smothered in either meatless or meat(ed) sauce, entertainment, raffle and silent auction at Temple B'Nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., at 11th Avenue. Dinner served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Call 424-4411 for ticket information. The Sacramento Women's Chorus develops, performs and promotes music that celebrates women and cultural diversity.

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Our September Successful SACWNite, Gail Fitzpatrick, settled in CA at 20, after spending her childhood moving all over the country. "My dad was a radio announcer by day and a jazz pianist by night, and the network he worked for transferred him frequently. We moved a dozen times before I was on my own at 17."

Today, Gail is a clinical psychologist in independent practice, of psychotherapy and consulting. The path to her success, however, took many detours.

In her late teens, she joined the Marines and confronted the military homophobia. "While I came out to myself when I was 13, I did not identify anyone else as gay until the Marines. The atmosphere was schizophrenic. There was incredible homophobia and yet so many lesbians in the ranks. In the process of learning more about myself, I was drawn to the lesbian women. I got in trouble for "association" and ultimately received an "Undesirable" discharge. I fought for twelve years to have that discharge overturned, and finally in 1971, I received the first upgrade to "Honorable" ever awarded.

Rootless after her expulsion from the Marines, Gail settled in Los Angeles, taking an assortment of odd jobs while attending undergraduate school. She worked as a short order cook, bar tender and cab driver during those years. "It was a freeing time for me. I was living an "out" gay life style for the first time, and enjoying the acceptance I found in the Southern California lesbian community. When I moved to Venice, I finally felt that I had found my home. In the mid sixties Venice was something of a gay colony and the support from other women provided a real sense of family. We were all struggling together in the spirit of "no matter what they say about us, we still have each other." The social scene revolved around bars and drinking. I realized that there was also significant internalized homophobia holding us together. I was driven to complete my education and knew that I would have to leave Venice to do so."

Gail's desire to become a psychologist began in the fifties when she took a summer job between her freshman and sophomore years in college. "It was the first time I was exposed to a variety of forms of mental illness and I knew right away that I wanted to work in the field. After other experiences and studies, I kept returning to work with people whose life experience had brought them to a place of dysfunction. I found satisfaction working with them to develop the skills to put their lives back together."

"In graduate school I was able to merge what I had learned from the bar scene in Venice with my academic training. I did my dissertation on the impact on self esteem of coming out of the closet by lesbians." After an internship in Wichita, Kansas, where she found a delightful women's community, Gail returned to California to accept a job in Stockton. There she worked with the regional center serving people with developmental disabilities. Seeking a larger lesbian community, she moved to Sacramento in 1982. While working in community mental health, she established a part time private practice in 1985, which became full time in 1989.

In her off time, she enjoys spending time with her Australian Shepherd, Macy, and outdoor activities such as nature photography and camping.

"I see success on two levels," says Gail. " First there is the ongoing journey of performing work that I find rewarding while continuing to grow personally as well as professionally. Success is also participating in a community in which I can be authentic and make a contribution, while developing lasting friendships."

JUDY GRAHN READS FOR SACWN

Many lesbians who came out in the late sixties and early seventies were introduced to the work of Judy Grahn as soon as their first foot was "out of the door". That's what makes legends, and to many in the audience of the September meeting of SACWN, Judy Grahn is a legend.

Judy feels her woman/lesbian identity with an infectious passion. In her search for truth, she is studying the translation of thousand year old fables and myths and relating these stories to the culturally communicated tales passed from generation to generation. She is uncovering new information about our past and in the process revealing more about who we are today.

Her work, the intense words that express her discoveries, overwhelms and charges the lesbian soul with energy and pride. A legend in our midst.

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SACWN SAYS....

Such Wonderful Recruiters.... Special thanks to Angie and her SACWN friends who staffed the SACWN booth at the Rainbow Festival. Just when it seems that every woman in the community has to know about SACWN, they find at least 100 more women who want to be included on the mailing list. Great Job!

A Day to Come Out.... October 11 is the celebration of National Coming Out Day, a project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund Foundation. The goal is to increase the visibility of the lesbian and gay community. Studies show that most who know someone lesbian or gay support equality based on sexual orientation. By being honest, we can begin to erase the misunderstanding. It's a time to confront the bigoted joke tellers, read a gay newspaper in a public place, or put your lover's photo on your desk at work. Let's do something bold!

Have You Seen the New LGBA 1995-95 Guide and Directory? The Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance just published a new business directory which includes lesbian and gay owned businesses as well as "community friendly" firms. You can pick up a free copy at CompuStations, 1819 J Street.

This is So Embarrassing, But......After months of encouraging you to volunteer to be the Successful SACWNite of the month, four wonderful women recently offered to be featured. That took care of September and October. K.B. is scheduled for November, but the fourth? No record (in the brain bank or on the hard drive) can be found. With our sincere apology, would you please offer again?

Remember, No Tickets at the Door.... Because we are having a catered 10th anniversary dinner, we must provide a final meal count to the caterer on Wednesday, October 26, so no tickets can be sold "at the door." Sorry.

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Second Wind will be appearing at SACWN Celebration on October 29, 1994.

It may not be too late to send in your remembrances for the SACWN Program for the October 29 Celebration. Funds raised from the sale of ads and sponsorships will be used to subsidize the ticket price for limited income subscribers. For information, call SACWN at 451-8034.

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	Per Person Price	# Tickets
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